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There were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Soil moisture was rated 5 percent short, 80 percent adequate and 15 percent surplus. Pasture was rated 86 percent of normal. The main farm activity was: Land preparation for planting crops.

Crop Progress In Percentages					Crop Conditions in Percentages				
Crop	Event	1994	1993	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	83	45	61					
	Emerged	60	23	45		6	23	67	4
Cotton	Planted	30	1	16					
Peanuts	Planted	25	3	9					
Rice	Planted	60	7	28					
	Emerged	32	3	9			43	46	11
Sorghum	Planted	47	18	30					
	Emerged	31	8	16		6	36	46	12
Soybeans	Planted	14	0	2					
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	16	0	4					
Wheat	Jointing	100	87	95					
	Heading	74	17	64			38	42	20
Watermelons	Planted	65	47	59			61	39	
Livestock							9	75	16

County Agent Comments

"A full week of dry weather enabled farmers to make excellent planting progress. Flooding and seep water created problems along the river."

— Dwayne Wheeler, Tunica County

"Good weather conditions have allowed producers to get a lot of corn planted. Fields are being prepared to plant cotton which is expected to begin soon."

— Melvin Oatis, Benton County

"If the weather holds, we may get started planting cotton in a big way next week. If so, it will be the earliest start in recent memory."

— Fred W. Rose, Webster County

"Where the ground was dry enough, farmers were putting corn and cotton seed in the ground. A few more days of dry weather are needed to catch up on corn planting on some of the wetter corn ground."

— Charles Fitts, Chickasaw County

"Chinch bugs are building up in the corn fields. Some fields which were treated at planting are being treated again for chinch bugs."

— Dennis B. Reginnelli, Noxubee County

"Farmers are plowing in some parts of the county, waiting on saturated and cool soil to dry in some parts and waiting on the river to finish rising and receding in other parts. It doesn't look good!"

— Don Smith, Adams County

"Some farmers were planting cotton and corn this week. We will have about 3000 acres of farm land that will be flooded from the Mississippi River and farmers will not be able to do any work until the river goes down."

— Windell C. Carter, Jefferson County

"Fields are too wet for much farm activity. Wheat has been sprayed to protect heads."

— Lee Taylor, Forrest County

Weather Summary From 04/17/94 to 04/23/94 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Tunica	86	45	67	63	4.0	.00	-1.33	0	3.45	87	60	74	.24
Clarksdale	86	46	69	64	5.4	.00	-1.11	0	3.40	87	60	72	.24
Cleveland	85	48	69	65	4.1	.00	-1.26	0	1.27				
Extreme/Average	86	45	68	64	4.5	.00	-1.23	0	2.71	87	60	73	.24
2. North-Central													
Memphis	89	52	70	64	6.4	.00	-1.26	0	4.26				
Holly Springs	86	43	65	61	4.6	.00	-1.19	0	5.64	81	55	68	.24
Oxford	90	44	67	62	5.6	.00	-1.19	0	3.58				
Extreme/Average	90	43	67	62	5.5	.00	-1.21	0	4.49	81	55	68	.24
3. Northeast													
Corinth	88	42	65	63	2.6	.00	-1.21	0	3.84				
Iuka	86	39	62	62	.6	.00	-1.24	0	6.11				
Booneville	86	47	66	62	4.6	.00	-1.24	0	4.78				
Pontotoc	86	45	67	62	4.5	.00	-1.26	0	4.27	83	54	69	.23
Tupelo	87	44	67	64	3.0	.00	-1.19	0	4.82				
Verona	87	44	67	64	3.4	.00	-1.19	0	3.96	82	53	69	.24
Extreme/Average	88	39	66	63	3.1	.00	-1.22	0	4.63	83	53	69	.24
4. Lower Delta													
Stoneville	92	55	73	65	8.2	.00	-1.12	0	4.18	82	55	70	.27
Greenwood	90	45	70	65	4.6	.00	-1.15	0	6.05				
Belzoni	89	48	69	66	3.4	.00	-1.19	0	6.50	90	63	79	
Rolling Fork	87	48	70	66	4.4	.00	-1.05	0	4.89	94	64	79	.22
Yazoo City	88	43	68	66	2.3	.00	-1.19	0	5.21				
Extreme/Average	92	43	70	66	4.6	.00	-1.14	0	6.37	94	55	76	.25
5. Central													
Winona	86	39	65	62	3.4	.00	-1.21	0	3.34				
Carthage	86	43	67	65	2.7	.00	-1.26	0	9.17				
Jackson	86	44	68	66	2.7	.00	-1.27	0	5.31				
Extreme/Average	86	39	67	64	2.9	.00	-1.25	0	5.94				
6. East-Central													
State University	85	43	67	64	3.2	.00	-1.31	0	4.11	85	59	72	.21
Columbus	90	48	71	64	6.9	.00	-1.44	0	7.44				
Brooksville	87	47	68	64	3.8	.00	-1.38	0	6.94				
Extreme/Average	90	43	69	64	4.6	.00	-1.38	0	6.16	85	59	72	.21
7. Southwest													
Vicksburg	86	49	69	67	2.3	.00	-1.19	0	5.34				
Oakley	87	45	68	65	2.9	.00	-1.19	0	5.16	87	58	73	
Crystal Springs	87	48	70	65	4.9	.00	-1.26	0	3.94	82	59	71	
Alcorn				65		M	M	M	M				
Natchez	83	46	68	68	.5	.03	-1.23	1	3.51				
Extreme/Average	87	45	69	66	2.7	.01	-1.22	0	4.49	87	58	72	
8. South-Central													
McComb	87	49	69	67	2.6	.77	-.49	3	7.44				
Columbia	83	52	69	67	2.2	.63	-.63	2	10.45				
Extreme/Average	87	49	69	67	2.4	.70	-.56	3	8.95				
9. Southeast													
Newton	87	42	67	64	3.3	.25	-.99	2	6.71	78	58	69	.19
Meridian	90	46	71	65	6.0	.00	-1.23	0	6.76				
Laurel	84	49	69	66	2.9	.73	-.39	2	5.33				
Hattiesburg	84	50	70	67	2.4	2.21	1.15	4	10.21				
Beaumont	86	47	69	67	2.1	.51	-.60	2	6.47	85	63	74	
Extreme/Average	90	42	69	66	3.3	.74	-.41	2	7.10	85	58	72	.19
10. Coastal													
Poplarville	85	51	70	68	2.4	1.21	.08	2	6.08	86	61	74	.20
Bay St. Louis	85	53	71	68	3.1	.59	-.46	2	4.32				
Gulfport	82	53	70	69	.6	.48	-.66	1	3.19				
Biloxi	82	57	71	69	2.0	1.96	.98	3	5.15				
Pascagoula	81	52	68	69	-.9	1.95	.97	2	5.48				
Extreme/Average	85	51	70	69	1.4	1.24	.18	2	4.84	86	61	74	.20
State Averages			68	65	3.2	.29	-.91		5.83			72	.23
State Extremes					Location					Date			
Greatest one day precipitation					Hattiesburg					04/23/94			
Greatest weekly precipitation					Hattiesburg								
Maximum air temperature					Stoneville					4/21/94			
Minimum air temperature					Iuka					04/17/94			
Maximum soil temperature					Rolling Fork					4/23/94			
Minimum soil temperature					Clarksdale					04/18/94			
Greatest one day pan evaporation					Stoneville					4/22/94			
Greatest weekly pan evaporation					Stoneville								

Abbreviations:
 Max = Maximum
 Min = Minimum
 Ave = Average
 Norm = Normal
 DFN = Departure From Normal
 Evap = Evaporation
 M = Missing

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